



Advent

2015



Second Sunday of Advent

Presider: Fr. Kevin Rettig



On the Second Sunday of Advent, three Candidates in the RCIA process were received into full communion in the Catholic Church ...

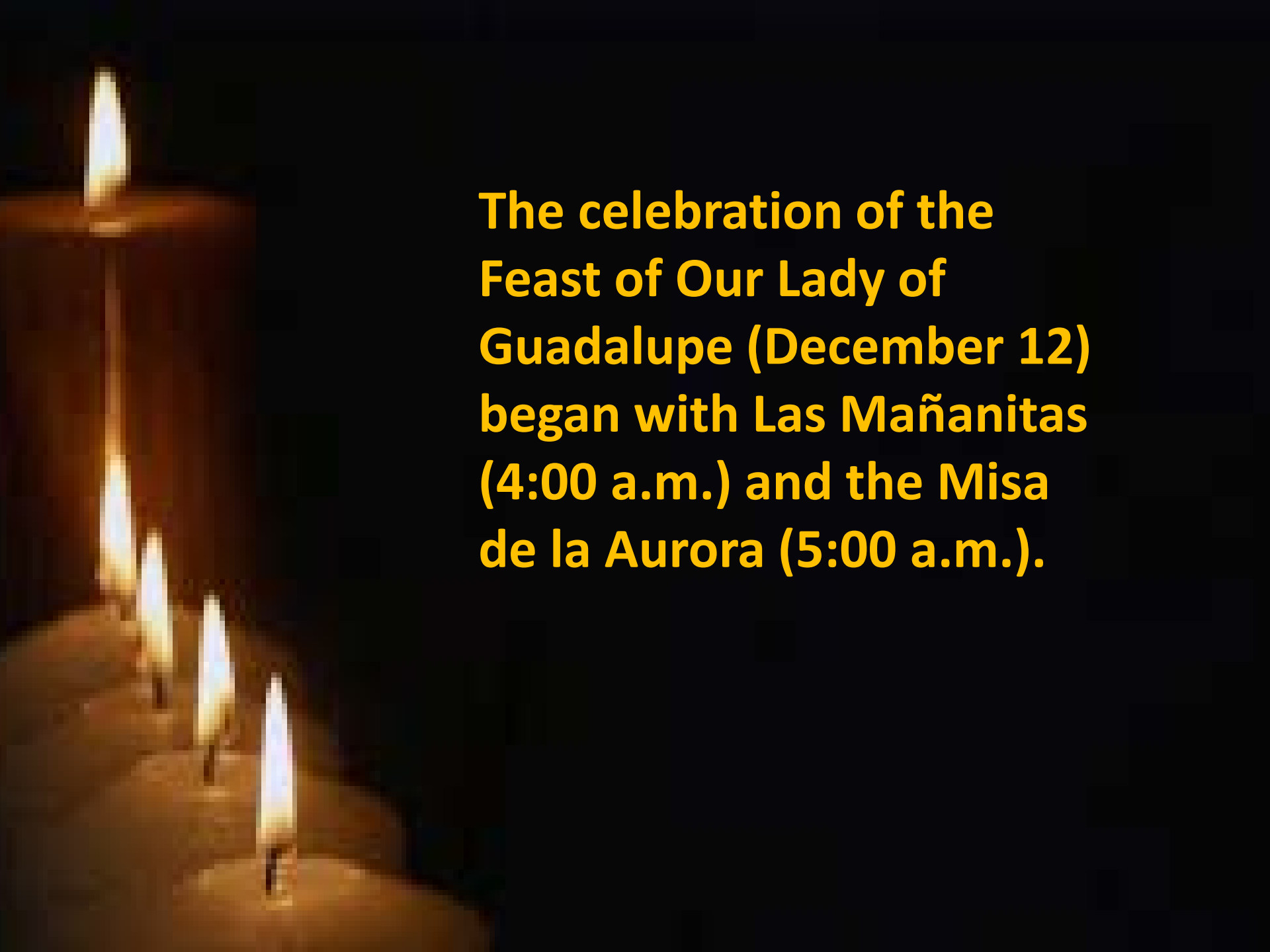


... They received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.





The Sharing Tree, an annual tradition, brings Christmas joy to children in our neighborhood. Parishioners remove a tag from the tree and bring a wrapped gift for the child noted on the tag.

A photograph of several lit candles in a dark setting. The candles are arranged in a row, with the tallest one on the left and several shorter ones to its right. The flames are bright yellow and orange, casting a warm glow. The background is dark, making the light from the candles stand out. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, in a yellow, bold, sans-serif font.

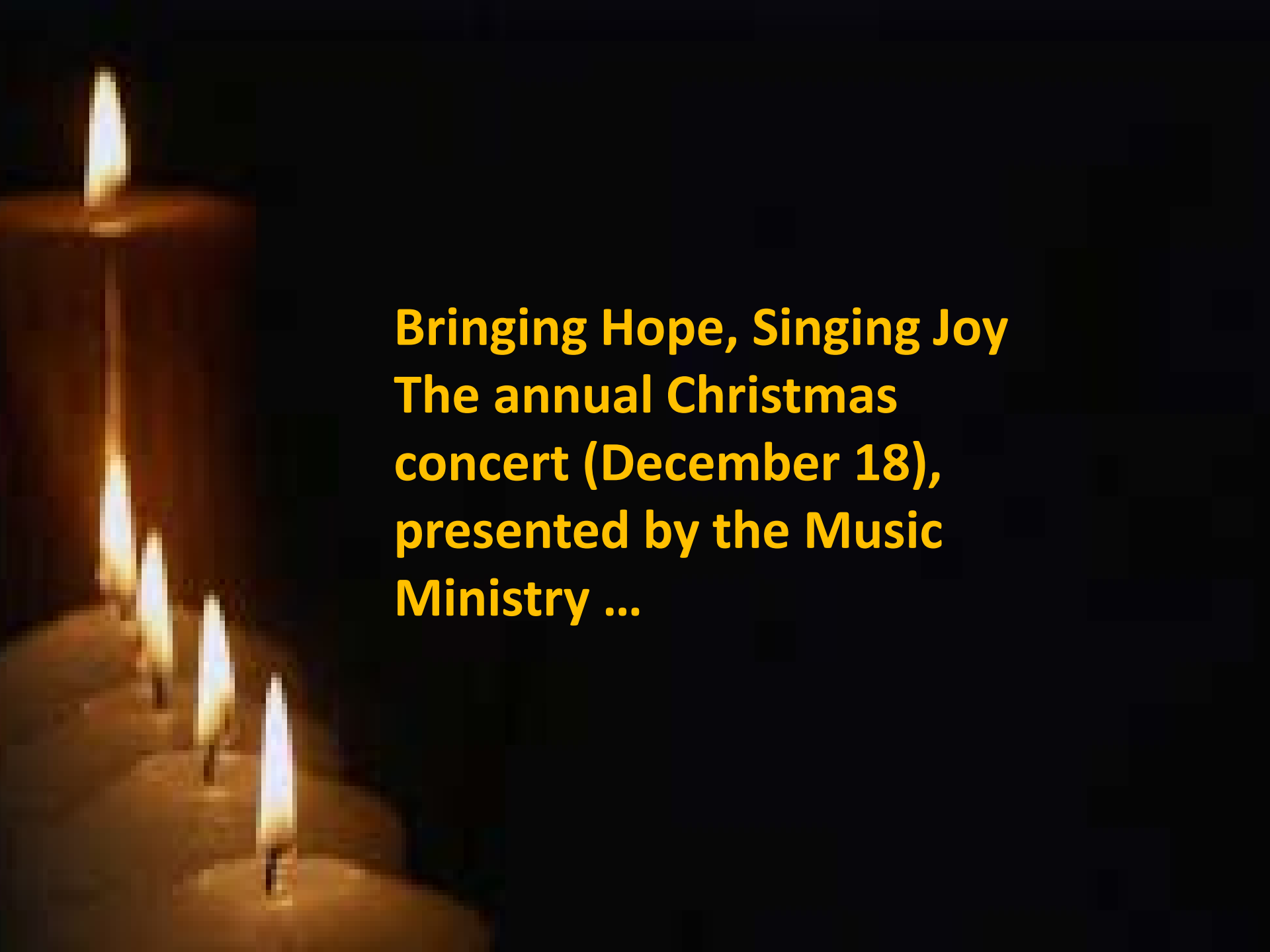
**The celebration of the
Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe (December 12)
began with Las Mañanitas
(4:00 a.m.) and the Misa
de la Aurora (5:00 a.m.).**



Tepeyac
Hill, where
Our Lady of
Guadalupe
appeared to
St. Juan
Diego.

Fellowship and
entertainment
in the
Conference
Center
followed the
early morning
Mass.



A photograph of several lit candles in a dark setting. The candles are arranged in a row, with the closest one in the foreground being the most prominent. The flames are bright yellow and orange, casting a warm glow. The background is dark, making the light from the candles stand out. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, in a bold, yellow font.

Bringing Hope, Singing Joy
The annual Christmas
concert (December 18),
presented by the Music
Ministry ...








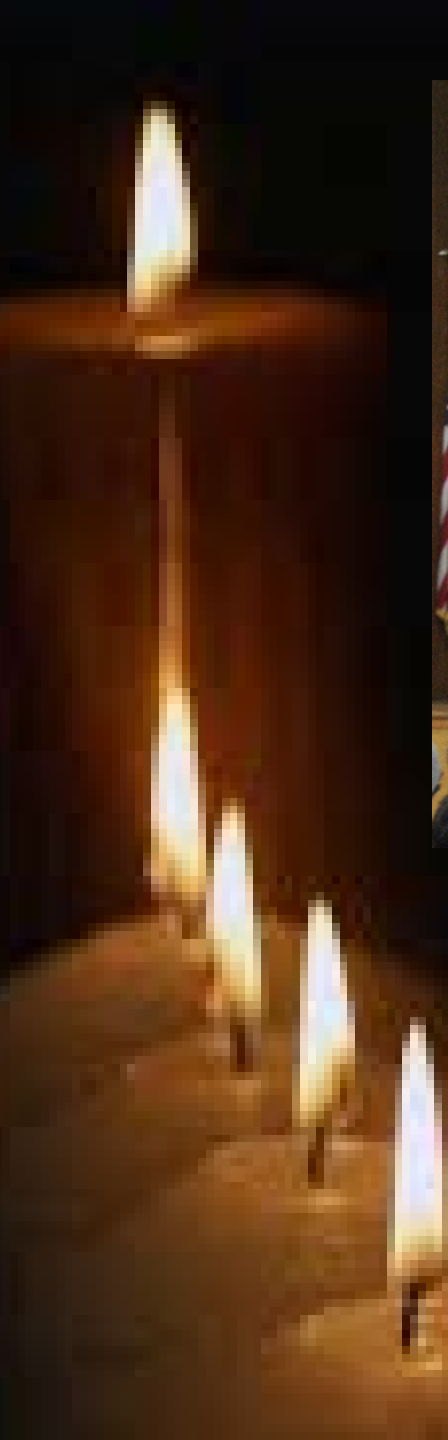
The Filipino community organized our annual Simbang Gabi Mass (December 21). Simbang Gabi (“Night Mass”) is a nine-day Filipino Advent tradition in preparation for the birth of Jesus.





Presented by our Hispanic community,
the Pastorela (December 22) is a
dramatic reenactment of the
Christmas story of the shepherds and
their journey to Bethlehem to find the
Christ Child. On their way, the
shepherds experience a series of
changes in fortune and confront the
Devil, who does everything possible to
prevent them from completing their
mission. Michael the Archangel
intervenes to defend the shepherds
on their journey ...









Photography

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